

I. Claims

1. (Original) A method of effecting management tasks in a distributed computing environment cell having at least one Web client with a browser connectable to a Web server, the distributed computing environment including a security service, comprising the steps of:

authenticating a user of the Web client by returning a credential from the security service;

responsive to user actions, displaying a plurality of Web pages in the browser from which the authenticated user manages the distributed computing environment cell; and

managing the distributed computing environment cell from the Web browser.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein upon authentication of the user, an administration main menu Web page of the sequence of Web pages is displayed.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the administration main menu Web page includes hypertext links associated with management command options.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the step of managing the distributed computing environment cell is initiated by selecting one of the hypertext links associated with a management command option.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the management command option calls a fast path task Web page from which the authenticated user performs multiple step administrative tasks with a single action.

6. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the management command option calls a server status Web page from which the authenticated user may view server status information.

7. (Original) An apparatus for effecting management tasks in a distributed computing environment cell having at least one Web client with a browser connectable to a Web server, the distributed computing environment including a security service, the apparatus comprising:

authenticating means for authenticating a user of the Web client by returning a credential from the security service;

first displaying means for displaying, responsive to user actions, a plurality of Web pages in the browser from which the authenticated user manages the distributed computing environment cell; and

managing means for managing the distributed computing environment cell from the Web browser.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the first displaying means further comprises:

second displaying means for displaying, upon authentication of the user, an administration main menu Web page of the plurality of Web pages.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the administration main menu Web page includes hypertext links associated with management command options.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9 further comprising:

initiating means for initiating management of the distributed computing environment cell by selecting one of the
5 hypertext links associated with a management command option.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the management command option calls a fast path task Web page from which the authenticated user performs multiple step
10 administrative tasks with a single action.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the management command option calls a server status Web page from which the authenticated user may view server status
15 information.

13. (Original) A computer program product on a computer readable medium for use in a data processing system for effecting management tasks in a distributed computing
20 environment cell having at least one Web client with a browser connectable to a Web server, the distributed computing environment including a security service, the computer program product comprising:

instructions for authenticating a user of the Web client
25 by returning a credential from the security service;

instructions for displaying, responsive to user actions, a plurality of Web pages in the browser from which the authenticated user manages the distributed computing environment cell; and

30 instructions for managing the distributed computing environment cell from the Web browser.

14. (Original) The computer program product of claim 13 wherein the instructions for displaying further comprise:

instructions for displaying, upon authentication of the user, an administration main menu Web page of the plurality of Web pages.

15. (Original) The computer program product of claim 14 wherein the administration main menu Web page includes hypertext links associated with management command options.

16. (Original) The computer program product of claim 15 further comprising:

initiating means for initiating management of the distributed computing environment cell by selecting one of the hypertext links associated with a management command option.

17. (Original) The computer program product of claim 16 wherein the management command option calls a fast path task Web page from which the authenticated user performs multiple step administrative tasks with a single action.

18. (Original) The computer program product of claim 16 wherein the management command option calls a server status Web page from which the authenticated user may view server status information.

II. Conclusion


For any other outstanding matters or issues, the examiner is urged to call or fax the below-listed telephone numbers to expedite the prosecution and examination of this application.

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